

HB 2042

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. Line 66, engrossed, after locality's

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Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

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2. Line 67, engrossed, after Area

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to address recurrent flooding

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3. Line 167, engrossed, after plans.

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If a locality is located within a nonattainment area, any

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4. Line 290, engrossed

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2. That the Secretary of Natural Resources and Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry (the Secretaries) shall convene a stakeholder work group (the Work Group) for the purpose of developing and providing recommendations to state and local governments related to policies that encourage the conservation of

mature trees and tree cover on sites being developed, increase tree canopy cover in communities, and encourage the planting of trees. The Work Group shall also examine the Commonwealth's existing enabling statutes and their use related to the preservation, planting, and replacement of trees during the land development process, including §§ 15.2-961 and 15.2-961.1 of the Code of Virginia and the amendments to such sections provided in the first enactment of this act, and recommend amendments to those statutes or the adoption of new Code sections that would enhance the preservation, planting, and replacement of trees during the land development process and increase incentives for the preservation, planting, and replacement of trees during the land development process. The Work Group shall be composed of representatives of the residential and commercial development industries, representatives of agricultural and forestry industries, professional environmental technical experts, representatives of environmental and conservation organizations, representatives of local governments, solar developers, and other affected parties so that the various stakeholders are represented in the Work Group. No later than October 1, 2021, the Secretaries shall provide a report containing the Work Group's detailed findings, recommendations, and draft legislation to encourage the conservation of tree cover and mature trees, and the planting of trees, to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Local Government.

3. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2022 Session of the General Assembly.